

**OUTINGS GROUP
LEIGHTON HALL AND BARTON GRANGE**

Wednesday 26 November 2025

Join us for an atmospheric festive tour of Leighton Hall with mince pies and coffee or tea!

We continue to Barton Grange Garden Centre where Christmas is a magical experience with spectacular displays and glittering lights.

£30 includes travel by 49 seater coach, driver's gratuity, mince pies, coffee or tea and tour of Leighton Hall.

Burnley Bus Station depart 0900, Padiham Town Hall depart 0920

Barton Grange depart 1530; due back around 1630

Contacts Anne Green 07842 137358, Howard & Nancy Mitchell 07743 850350

Intermediate Spanish Group

Due to the limited size of its venue(s) this group is currently not taking new members. If anyone is interested in starting a second group please contact the groups coordinator Elizabeth Platt 07837 477475

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Are you interested in joining the Committee? We need new members to stand for election at the AGM in April. Come along to a meeting to find out what it's about - our next one will be 11.30am on 23rd October, prior to the monthly meeting. Alternatively speak to any member of the Committee.

Quiz Question

November is the only month used in which alphabet?

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

October 23rd	Steve Ragnall	"Life and times of Dr John Webster"
November 27th	Steven P Taylor	Performance Poet.

Monthly Open Meetings are held at the Nazareth Unitarian Chapel, Padiham, BB12 8JH at 2:30 pm on the 4th Thursday in the month (except December) Visitors welcome at a charge of £2

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October

photography and

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November

Quiz

December

U3a Committee



NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

We recently had a couple of weeks holiday in the Scottish Highlands and spent 10 days on the Isle of Mull. A lovely, small island off the Scottish mainland. Many of you would probably recognise the capital, Tobermory. It is notable as the location for the children's programme Balamory on BBC. Tobermory was originally a busy fishing port, but these days relies mostly on tourism. The main street, which runs alongside the port, houses brightly coloured buildings, which look amazing on a sunny day. The island apparently has less than 3,000 inhabitants, and has an abundance of wildlife, particularly deer of which they estimate there are over 6,000! It is also known for having large numbers of otters. Strangely, we saw very few deer and even fewer otters. We did see several magnificent Golden Eagles and Sea Eagles. The island is definitely worth a visit.

Some months ago, one of our publicity team approached the editor of the free Burnley magazine in the hope of them including an article on our u3a. Barry Greenwood, our deputy chair, wrote a very informative piece and submitted it to the editor. He was informed that it would be September before it could be considered. Well, we have been included, in a very small way, in the September issue. We are listed under 20 things to help you stay well and happy, albeit a very short piece. We are number 12. I have picked up a few copies and will have them on display at the next monthly meeting. Thank you Barry.

Now, I like Country and Western music, particularly Dolly Parton and recently came across this quote by her, "if you see someone without a smile, give them yours". Lovely.

Maria

November Newsletter Deadline is
Wednesday 19th November 2025 12:00 noon
e-mail : burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com

The Book Group: We will meet in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian Church on Monday 17th November from 10am to noon . The book for discussion is The Winter Ghosts by Kate Mosse. We will also be deciding on book choices for next year when our theme will be debut novels. Our book for December 15th is A Week in Winter by Maeve Binchy.	Marilyn Jones 07778 436290 Sonia Rawlinson 07888 417087
Exercise for Wellbeing Group: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:30am in the Unitarian Chapel. Everybody welcome. For further information contact Sonia or Maureen.	Sonia Rawlinson 07888 417087 Maureen Brown 01282 773336
The Coffee Group: will meet at 11:00-12:00 November 13th at the Bistro Prairie sports village Windermere Ave Burnley. I need someone to take over doing the bookings, due to a change in circumstances I can no longer commit to it.	Freda Whittle 07951 486794
English Folk Dancing Will meet at 2pm on 6th & 20th November at Higham Village Hall.	Eric Bushby 01282 429269
The French Conversation Group: meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Please note that this Group is currently full. For further information contact Rhoda Gouldsbrough.	Rhoda Gouldsbrough 01282 432202
Intermediate German Group: meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at the Burnley Library 1-3pm.	Laura Carter 07957 771316
Handbell Ringing Group: will meet at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham on Wednesdays, 5th and 19th November from 2.00pm to 3.30pm . Serious practising is taking place for the group's Christmas gigs, more details next month!	Valerie Widdas 01282 691850
History Including Local History: 6th November 2025 10:30 -12:00 in the Hambledon Room Unitarian Church Padiham. Bring anything you have relating to 19th or 20th Century and tell us what you know about it. further details ring Enid.	Enid Thorp 01282 787523
Indoor Bowls: meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at the Methodist Church, Padiham Rd, Burnley. 10:00 am to 12 noon . £3 session. Currently fully subscribed. Please ring re waiting list. Restarting 4th September	Ian Fletcher 07594 435019.
Indoor Bowls II: Suspended due to lack of numbers. Anyone interested contact Jim Wallace 07796251094. Hopefully we will be able to restart.	Jim Wallace 07796 251094
Knitting and Crochet Group the meetings will be on Mondays 10th and 24th November at 10am to midday in the Hameldon Room in the Unity Centre of the Padiham Unitarian Church. The first meeting will be a general session where members work on their own projects. The second meeting will be a colourful session making Christmas decorations. Come and join us!	Melinda Jackson 07726 760361
Computer Group: will meet every 2nd Thursday of each month 2pm-4pm for beginners and experts. Bring any problems along. It's at my house, my phone number is 07947 7756 or use contact 'webmaster' on the u3a contact page.	Dave Hunt 07947 775666

Ukulele Group: meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month 10:00am at Padiham rd Methodist Church, Ightenhill, Burnley.	Jeff Salisbury. 07598 776234
Philosophy Group: will meet at the Nazareth Unitarian Chapel Tuesday 11th November at 10am .	Jim Wallace 07796 251094
Photography Group: 2:00pm start on the 2nd Friday each month . Meet at the Unity Centre, Padiham. Subject for Friday 14th November –'close-ups'	Peter Hartley 07768 992179 Stuart Chattle 07977 904283
Quiz Group: will meet on Monday 17th November from 2-4pm at Padiham Road Methodist Church.	Ann Bullas 07814 019072
Scrabble Group: meets alternate Wednesday afternoons, 12th and 26th November, 1.30-3.30pm at Pike Hill Library, Burnley. New members are always welcome, whether beginners or more experienced players. For further information contact Christine Potter	Christine Potter 07889 034230
Singing Group: will meet on Monday 3rd November 11:00 to 12:30 in the Hameldon room at Padiham Unitarian Church.	Ann Bullas 07814 019072 Pamela Hopcroft 07432 142154
Spanish Beginners Group: will meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of November on 10th and 24th at Padiham Road Methodist Church between 2pm and 4pm . Newcomers are welcome.	Jean Atherton 01282 832971
Intermediate Spanish Group: will meet on Fridays, 14th and 28th November from 10am until 12 midday .	Gil Beeke 01282 602449
Craft Group will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10am -12 noon in the Hameldon room at Padiham Unitarian Church. For further information, please contact either Julie or Elizabeth.	Julie Sharpley jt.sharpley@gmail.com Elizabeth Platt 07837 477475
Painting for Pleasure: Meet on the 3rd & 17th November from 10am to 12noon at Padiham Unitarian Church.	Jean Philips 07538 475908 Margaret Simpson 07980 077439
The Lunch Bunch: Friday November 28th at Prairie sports village on Windermere Avenue 12 for 1230 . Lunch Bunch Xmas lunch on Friday 19th December at JJs in the Dugdale on Dugdale Rd Nr Padiham Burnley. Menu to be available soon Christmas carols and a special surprise 12 for 1230	Anne 07597 955474
Walking Group: 10:30am start on the first (longer walk) and third (shorter walk) Friday each month. Friday 7th Nov: Slipper Hill, Water Meetings & Canal Approx 6 miles - undulating route on good paths Start from Alkincoats Park car park BB8 9PZ. W3W///awaiting.fruits.brambles: Leaders Ian & Margaret Fletcher 07594 435019 Friday 21st Nov: River to Quaker Bridge & back along the canal About 3 miles with café at the end. No stiles, no hills and (probably) no mud. Start from Carr Rd car park, Victoria Park Nelson BB9 7SS. W3W///obstruction.kicks.subplot Leader :Dave Hunt 07947 775666	Peter Hartley 07768 992179